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In connection with Director's inquiry.

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August 13, 1949

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Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Re San Juan letter to Bureau dated August 3, 1949 entitled "WILLIAM H. HASTIE, GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS." Rebutel and LAtel of August 12, 1949 captioned "NAACP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C," concerning the speech of Governor HASTIE before the NAACP convention at Los Angeles.

[redacted] furnished the following:

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The full text of Governor HASTIE's speech is not available, but there is enclosed herewith the following news clippings:

An article from the Hollywood Citizen-News, July 16, 1949 entitled "NAACP Speaker Cites Federal Responsibility;" also an article from the Los Angeles Examiner of July 14, 1949, entitled "Non-Segregation Test Urged Before NAACP."

It will be noted from a review of these news clippings that the portion of the speech set forth above, in connection with the loyalty program, was not highlighted by the local press. The FBI was not referred to by name in the Los Angeles papers.

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A report concerning the NAACP, which will include the results of this national convention, is in the process of preparation and will be submitted in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood.

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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Non-Segregation Test Urged Before NAACP

Government itself must set the example in eliminating segregation, William H. Hastie, governor of the Virgin Islands, told the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People last night.

Addressing the 40th anniversary convention at the Second Baptist Church, he declared:

"Government must be color blind, and until government becomes color blind, it will remain false to fundamental principles of our republic and in defiance of the basic law of the nation."

He demanded that segregation be eliminated in government employment, in the armed services, in public schools and in nationwide housing projects.

FOR GENERATION—

"I sincerely believe," he said, "that if all public or governmental institutions and activities, Federal, state and local, were conducted on a wholly unsegregated basis for a single generation, the evils of racism would cease to become a major problem in American life."

Governor Hastie criticized some "un-American" activities investigations which, he said, implied that "friendship with Negroes is identified with Communism."

"As a proponent of Americanism I resent such an assumption of superiority for Communism," he said.

In another address last night, attacking housing conditions, Attorney Loren Miller charged that "a network of Negro ghettos has spread across the nation." The FHA, he said, shares responsibility.

He urged vigilance on the part of the association to fight segregation.

POLITICAL ACTION—

At the afternoon session on civil rights, Charles P. Lucas, NAACP executive secretary for Ohio, declared:

"As loyal American citizens, our political action must adhere closely to democratic procedure in its operation.

"This association is thoroughly committed to the potentials of our democratic form of government. We subscribe wholeheartedly to its principles."

Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins urged the Negroes in California to organize politically.

"There are only 200,000 old age pensioners, yet they got their program through," he said, "there is no reason why California's 500,000 Negroes can't do the same."

Yesterday Mayor Fletcher Bowron proclaimed Sunday Dr. Ralph Bunche Day in honor of the Palestine mediator who will address the closing convention meeting at Hollywood Bowl.

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NAACP Speaker Cites Federal Responsibility

William H. Hastie, Governor of the Virgin Islands, asserts that the Federal Government cannot escape responsibility for racial discrimination.

Governor, Hastie, 44-year-old Negro lawyer, made the principal address at last night's session of the 40th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Whether in Housing," Hastie said, "the Army, schools or other areas, the Government cannot escape being an influence for the expansion of racial discrimination or segregation, or being an influence toward elimination of those patterns. It cannot be neutral."

"The simple principle to follow is that the Government should be color blind."

Hastie added that "although the Virgin Islands has 90 per cent Negro population there is no discrimination against the white minority."

Meanwhile, Mayor Bowron proclaimed Sunday as Dr. Ralph Bunche Day in Los Angeles. The noted Negro statesman will be honored Sunday in Hollywood Bowl for his peacemaking efforts.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 10, 1949

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to San Francisco letter to the Bureau in the above entitled matter dated July 28, 1949, a carbon copy of which was designated for this office.

It is noted that there are no persons in this Division mentioned in the letter, but that [redacted] Tuskegee, Alabama, is mentioned, and no copy of the letter was sent to Mobile. The Birmingham copy of this letter is being forwarded with a copy of this letter to the Mobile Office. (b)(7)(C)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS, C. REBUTEL SAN JUAN AUGUST THREE CAPTIONED "WILLIAM H. HASTIE" CONCERNING SPEECH OF HASTIE BEFORE NAACP CONVENTION JULY THIRTEEN LAST. SUTEL ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING HASTIE'S ALLEGED CONDEMNATION OF BUREAU AND FURNISH ALSO FULL TEXT OF HASTIE'S SPEECH IF AVAILABLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Office Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 22, 1949

FROM : [redacted] M. LADD

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
(Speech of William H. Hastie before 40th Convention NAACP in Los Angeles, July 13, 1949)

PURPOSE

To furnish you a copy of the address by Governor Hastie before the NAACP Convention on July 13, 1949, and to advise that Governor Hastie in such address made no specific mention of the Bureau.

BACKGROUND

The San Juan Office by memorandum dated August 3, 1949, furnished the Bureau with a copy of an article appearing in the New York "Times" of July 14, 1949, reporting that Governor Hastie in his address before the 40th annual convention of the NAACP in Los Angeles on July 13, 1949, accused "the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other investigating bodies of branding interracial associations as subversive, regardless of the interest or the motive of the friendship between the races." You noted on the San Juan memorandum: "Had we heard of this?"

In my memorandum to you of August 12, 1949, you were advised that we had received no information concerning Governor Hastie's alleged condemnation of the Bureau but that inquiry was being made of the Los Angeles Office for additional information concerning the matter and to obtain a copy of Governor Hastie's address, if available.

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STATUS

A copy of the address by Governor Hastie, which is attached for your information, [redacted] (b)(1) A review of the address reveals no mention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Governor Hastie called on the government to take the lead in the abolition of racism by becoming "color blind" and he voiced opposition to "representatives of government" attempting to portray social friendship of a white person with negroes as "un-American" in connection with the Loyalty Program.

ACTION

A copy of Governor Hastie's address is being furnished to the San Juan Office for their information and guidance in connection with any future contacts with him.

Attachment

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Office Memo. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : The Director DATE: August 12, 1949

FROM : [redacted] M. Ladd

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
(Speech of William H. Hastie before 40th Convention NAACP in Los Angeles, July 13, 1949)

PURPOSE

To advise that the Bureau has received no information concerning Governor Hastie's alleged condemnation of the Bureau in his address before the NAACP Convention in Los Angeles on July 13, 1949.

BACKGROUND

William H.

The San Juan Office by memorandum dated August 3, 1949, furnished the Bureau with a copy of an article appearing in the New York Times of July 14, 1949, reporting that Governor Hastie in his address before the 40th annual convention of the NAACP in Los Angeles on July 13, 1949, accused "the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other investigating bodies of branding interracial associations as subversive, regardless of the interest or the motive of the friendship between the races." The San Juan memorandum with the copy of the New York Times article is attached for your information. You noted on the San Juan memorandum: "Had we heard of this?"

STATUS

The Bureau has received no information indicating that Governor Hastie in his address condemned the Bureau. The Daily Worker of July 15, 1949, contained an article concerning Governor Hastie's address before the NAACP Convention but no mention is made of any condemnation of the Bureau by Governor Hastie. This article was clipped at the Bureau for inclusion in the NAACP file. A copy of the article is attached for your information.

ACTION

In order to obtain additional information concerning this matter a teletype was sent to the Los Angeles Office dated August 12, 1949, requesting all available information concerning Governor Hastie's alleged condemnation of the Bureau and a full text of his address if available.

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You will be promptly notified of the results of this inquiry.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ~~PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 8-[illegible]-49

FROM : SAC, San Juan

SUBJECT: WILLIAM H. HASTIE
Governor of the Virgin Islands

(b)(7)(C)

Enclosed is a copy of an item appearing in the New York Times on July 14, 1949, reporting a speech given by Governor HASTIE in Los Angeles, California, on July 13, 1949, before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Information concerning this address has no doubt reached the Bureau from other sources, and the Los Angeles Office is undoubtedly cognizant of the fact that the Governor, according to news items, condemned the FBI in his address.

DE[illegible] RECORDING

For the information of the Bureau, Governor HASTIE is regarded by many people in the Virgin Islands as exercising prejudice in favor of the colored race in his appointments and administrative work in the Virgin Islands. He seldom makes a public appearance and is, in fact, criticized by many of the citizens of the islands for the fact that he holds himself too aloof from the people and assumes an arbitrary position on many matters which have involved him in difficulties with the municipal councils and the legislative assembly. On the occasion of his third anniversary as Governor, the leading newspaper in St. Thomas, V. I., attacked him editorially and in an extremely bitter, condemnatory manner.

The racial question does not often arise in the Virgin Islands and, in fact, many officials at times proclaim the Virgin Islands as an example of harmonious existence of the white and colored races. Not long ago, an individual from the Continent, colored, addressed a local meeting in St. Thomas in which he urged the negroes to take an aggressive attitude and stated that they should by all means constantly and aggressively support Governor HASTIE because he is a negro regardless of anything else.

I do not have the text of Governor HASTIE's address before the NAACP and consequently do not know the details of his remarks regarding the FBI. However, I gather from the Times report that his criticism is based upon the Bureau's work in the security field rather than on any incidents in this area.

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cc: Los Angeles

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I have usually called upon Governor HASTIE when in St. Thomas as a matter of courtesy, and on occasions have discussed specific matters with him. He has never voiced any criticism to me of the Bureau or this office, nor has he indicated in any way any criticism of any of the Bureau's activities. He has expressed gratification with our efforts in training the St. Thomas and St. Croix police. The criticism expressed by the Governor will be borne in mind in any future contacts with him.

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New York Times, edition of July 14, 1949 -

NEGRO GOVERNOR DEFENDS RADICALS

Association Hears Hastie Call
Neutrality of officials on Bias
a Greater Menace

By George Streator

Los Angeles, July 13 - William H. Hastie, Governor of the Virgin Islands, defended "radicals of every persuasion" last night, and told the fortieth annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that public officials who did not fight discrimination were a greater menace to national security than the radical groups now being tried for disloyalty.

Mr. Hastie, first Negro Governor of an island possession, condemned local, state, and Federal officials "who pretend to be 'neutral' in matters between aggrieved minorities and those who seek to maintain the inequalities of our society." He said that "such neutrality is more than subversive."

Defines Social Obligations

Defining the social obligations of public officials to be "anything that promotes the equality of all the people," he said these duties were necessary to promote the ideals of the country, adding that any neglect was equal to "an avowed" reactionary position, on matters concerning the groups fathest down." The appearance here of Governor Hastie was interpreted as a move to give comfort to association members who contend that many state laws and customs must be changed to bring improved status to Negroes in southern and border areas. His defense of "radicals" and his rebuke to "social standpatters" was consistent, he said, with the principle of total equality for all American citizens.

Governor Hastie also chided "a certain high staff officer" for being afraid to take the lead in the fight for equal rights legislation in his state on the grounds that this officer was not obligated by a party platform, and hence under no obligation to take action in that field."

He added: "His oath of office was a solemn obligation to support our Government and the laws of the land. And whether the officials desire it or not, the Government is bound to be a major influence in determining the social patterns of our community."

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Governor Hastie said an increasing number of Americans were being trained by the armed forces and millions were now "influenced by Federal aid to housing, education and employment - conditions that make Federal concern with segregation necessary if we preserve our American way of life as laid down by our Constitution."

He said that the "usual assertion by Army and Navy officials that the branches of the armed services are not a social laboratory is a stupid and vicious sophistry."

In defending the right of any Negro to associate with persons of other races, the Governor accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other investigating bodies of branding interracial associations as subversive, regardless of the interest or the motive of the friendship between the races.

Roy Wilkins, acting secretary, told the association's opening session that "intelligent Negroes do not cry out bitterly that we love another land better than our own, but will slug it out here on this home front if it takes forty more summers." He also condemned Negro leaders "who worship at new altars, passing the day with those who use us for their own ends."

Loren Miller, lawyer, attacked the "Jim Crow policies of the Federal Housing Administration" and asked for a federal order instructing the FHA not to insure loans or mortgages on properties known to be covered by racially restrictive covenants.

He said a continued shortage of rental properties for low-income groups in this area had prevented a test of a ruling by the Supreme Court that restrictive covenants were not enforceable in courts of law.

SAC, New Orleans

August 29, 1949

[redacted]ector, FBI

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL [redacted]ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Your file: 100-13182

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 30, 1949, at New Orleans, wherein it is reported that the Communist Party has not been successful in attempts to infiltrate and influence the NACCP in your Division. (b)(7)(C)

It is not desired that your Office continue this case in a pending status, but rather the case should be closed. Your Office should remain alert to any attempts by the Communist element to infiltrate or influence the activities of any local chapter of the NAACP, and if such activity is noted the Bureau should be promptly advised in accordance with SAC Letter No. 128, dated September 30, 1947.

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September 1, 1949

Director, FBI

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RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

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The original exhibit is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

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Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT
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In view of the present status of the above referred to Civil Rights and Domestic Violence case, the Memphis Office is conducting no active investigation to ascertain the activities of [redacted] or any of the other individuals in regard to that case, but will be on the alert to report information voluntcered to it by confidential informants and other local sources of information. (b)(7)(C)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 16, 1949

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reference your teletype to San Francisco, dated August 15, 1949, on the above captioned matter.

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One copy of the address by WILLIAM H. HASTIE, given at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conference, held at Los Angeles on July 13, 1949, is being enclosed with this letter.

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NEGRO QUESTION
(Bureau File 100-3-75)

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Re Richmond letter to the Director dated July 7, 1949, concerning seven Martinsville negroes sentenced to the electric chair on charges of raping a white woman. This letter indicated that MARTIN [redacted], Vice-Chairman of the Legal Committee for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, planned to ask Governor TUCK of Virginia for a stay of execution and to prepare a writ of error for presentation to the Supreme Court on behalf of all seven of the accused.

According to an article in the Richmond News Leader on September 6, 1949, Virginia's Supreme Court of Appeals announced that the court had granted writs of error in the case of each of the seven men on the basis of petitions filed by Attorney MARTIN on August 26, 1949. Four of the accused were to die September 16, 1949, and three on September 23, 1949, because Governor TUCK had granted two 30-day stays of execution to permit counsel to appeal.

Allegations of error made by the defense included the following:

That the lower court should have granted the defense's pleas for change of venue or change of venire on grounds that failure to do so deprived them of a fair and impartial trial;

That by holding the trials on "practically successive days" the court denied them due process of law;

That by asking prospective jurors a question objectionable to the defense the court prejudiced their trials;

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That by admitting the alleged confessions into evidence the court denied due process.

It is pointed out that referenced letter discloses that the Richmond Civil Rights Congress had publicly announced its official withdrawal from the Martinsville case by a news release to the Richmond News Leader during July. There has been no further indication of activity by the Richmond Civil Rights Congress in this matter or any activity on the part of the Communist Party.

Mr. H. H. LACEY, Secretary to Governor TUCK, has disclosed to this office, however, that prior to the above announcement of the Richmond Civil Rights Congress his office had received a voluminous quantity of correspondence from individuals all over the United States concerning the conviction and

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sentencing of the seven negroes. Included in the correspondence received by the Governor's Office was a mimeographed form entitled "Free the Martinsville Seven — Prevent Another Scottsboro Case." This form was undated and was addressed to Governor WILLIAM MUNFORD TUCK. It indicated that the persons whose names were signed to the form protested the "legal lynching" of the seven men in Martinsville, Virginia. It demanded that Governor TUCK intervene in what it termed a "miscarriage of justice" and demanded further that Governor TUCK "use your authority to acquit them." The form letter was issued by the "Frederick Douglas Club" of San Francisco, California. A further perusal of correspondence received by the Governor's Office reflected that it was impossible to definitely identify any particular branch of the Communist Party as sponsoring the correspondence since a majority of the letters received were signed only with an individual's name.

The Bureau will be advised of any additional significant developments in this matter.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the New York and Charlotte Offices for information.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The 40th annual convention of the NAACP held in LA, Calif., July 12 through 17, 1949. Demands were made for Federal Civil Rights legislation to abolish discrimination against Negroes. ROY WILKINS, Acting Secretary of the NAACP called for the defeat in the 1950 elections of Senators who voted against the motion to stop filibustering. WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Governor of the Virgin Islands, spoke at the second session of the convention, [redacted]

CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR., Labor Secretary of the NAACP, spoke at the convention on job discrimination against Negroes. Dr. RAYFORD W. LOGAN of Howard University, Washington, D.C., spoke at the convention attacking the United Nations for ineffectiveness in preventing discrimination. A resolution was adopted at the final session of the convention calling for speedy enactment of a comprehensive Civil Rights program. Dr. RALPH BUNCHE, United Nations mediator in Palestine, spoke on the Negro aspirations for equality at a mass rally on July 17, 1949 in Hollywood Bowl, LA. Officers of the NAACP in LA set out [redacted] of the NAACP in LA for 1949 is to work for Civil Rights and a national FEPC. Communists unsuccessful in attempts to influence the annual convention of the NAACP held July 12 to 17, 1949. Communist attempts to penetrate the LA Branch of the NAACP

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REFERENCES: Letter to Director from Los Angeles dated 8-13-49.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 12-13-48 at Los Angeles. (b)(7)(C)

DETAILS:

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

[redacted] who has previously furnished information found to be reliable, advised on August 16, 1949 that the Fortieth Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was held in Los Angeles, California, July 12 through 17, 1949 at the Second Baptist Church, 2412 Griffith Avenue. He stated the delegates were registered on the 12th of July and regular sessions were commenced on July 13th. (b)(2), (b)(7)(D)

The Los Angeles Herald and Express dated July 11, 1949 contained an article entitled "Young Willkie to Give Talk to Colored Group Conference." It reflected the following: PHILLIP WILLKIE, member of the Indiana State Legislature, was to speak on "The Political Outlook" at the opening session of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Other scheduled speakers were LOREN MILLER, Los Angeles attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, CAREY MC WILLIAMS, authority on minority problems, CHARLES R. HOUSTON, Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Legal Committee, Reverend J. RAYMOND HENDERSON of Los Angeles and Dr. RAYFORD W. LOGAN, a Howard University professor and associate consultant on colonial affairs.

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[redacted] V. L. PANDIT, Ambassador to the United States from India, was to present the Spingarn Medal to Dr. RALPH J. BUNCHE, United Nations mediator for Palestine, on Sunday, July 17, 1949 at a mass meeting at the Hollywood Bowl.

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The Los Angeles Daily News dated July 13, 1949 contained an article entitled "Special Sessions Demanded to Pass Civil Rights Bill" which reflected that demands were made at the convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held in Los Angeles for a special session of Congress to pass Civil Rights legislation. HENRY LEE MOON, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Public Relations Director, discussed the results of efforts to have Civil Rights legislation passed in various states, stating that Negro votes in California, Ohio and Illinois were largely influential in swinging the election to the Democrats and that, therefore, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People demands stood a good chance of being heeded.

The Daily People's World dated July 14, 1949 on Page 1, Columns 4 and 5, carried an article datelined July 13, 1949 at Los Angeles entitled "Political Action Call Stirs NAACP Conclave." The article was written by HELEN TAYLOR, Daily People's World staff writer. THURGOOD MARSHALL, National Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was one of the speakers at the opening session, talking on the attitude of National office toward partisan politics. He said that the National Office did not believe in "partisan" politics and did not tell the membership of the NAACP who to vote for.

ROY WILKINS, Acting NAACP Secretary, listed 23 Democratic and 23 Republican senators who voted against the motion to stop filibustering on Civil Rights legislation. He called for the defeat in 1950 of those senators.

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The Daily People's World dated July 15, 1949 on Page 1, Columns 1, 2 and 3, carried an article datelined July 14, 1949 at Los Angeles entitled "NAACP Session Hears Loyalty Oath Blasted." The article was written by HELEN TAYLOR, staff writer. The article dealt with the speech of WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Governor of the Virgin Islands, before the second meeting of the annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Governor HASTIE urged the NAACP to stop investigators from identifying friendship with Negroes with subversive activity. He said timid persons are being frightened so they will not risk association with Negroes and the notion has gotten abroad that the Government frowns upon such association.

LOREN MILLER, Los Angeles attorney for the NAACP, also spoke at the July 14th session of the NAACP convention criticizing Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON of Los Angeles and the Federal Housing Authority as attempting to perpetuate restrictive convenants.

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The New York Times dated July 14, 1949, Page 19, Columns 4,5 and 6, contained an article written by GEORGE STREATOR entitled "Negro Governor Defends Radicals." The article was datelined July 13, 1949, special to the New York Times. The article read as follows:

WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Governor of the Virgin Islands, defended "radicals of every persuasion" last night and told the 40th Annual Convention for the Advancement of Colored People that public officials who did not fight discrimination were a greater menace to national security than the radical groups now being tried for disloyalty. Mr. HASTIE, first Negro Governor of an island possession, condemned local and Federal officials who pretend to be "neutral" in matters between aggrieved minorities and those who seek to maintain the inequalities of our society. He said that "such neutrality is more than subversive."

Defining the social obligations of public officials to be "anything that promotes the equality of all people," he said these duties were necessary to promote the ideals of the country adding that any neglect was equal to "an avowed reactionary position in matters concerning the groups farthest down." He said an increasing number of Americans were being trained by the armed forces and millions were now "influenced by Federal aid to housing, education and employment - conditions that make Federal concern with segregation necessary if we perserve our American way of life as laid down by our constitution."

He said that the usual "assertation by Army and Navy officials that the branches of the armed services are not a social laboratory is a stupid and vicous sophistry." In defending the rights of any Negro to associate with persons of other races, the Governor accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other investigating bodies of branding inter-racial action as subversive regardless of the interest or the motive of the friendships between the races.

The Los Angeles Herald and Express dated July 15, 1949 contained an article entitled "Colored Meet Told Negroes Hard Hit by Loss of Jobs" which reflected that CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR. of Washington, D.C., Labor Secretary of the NAACP, spoke before the 40th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held in Los Angeles. He estimated there were 500,000 Negroes unemployed out of 5,000,000 Negro workers in the United States. He said Negroes are the first to be let out as employment tightens and that he felt discrimination was on the increase where there was no Fair Employment Practices legislation.

The Hollywood Citizen - News dated July 15, 1949 contained an article entitled "Civil Rights Law Battle Pushed at NAACP Meet." This

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[redacted] that the following telegram was sent by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People holding its 40th Annual Convention in Los Angeles to President TRUMAN, Senators ROBERT A. TAFT, SCOTT LUCAS and J. HOWARD MCGRATH, and Representatives JOSEPH MARTIN, SAM RAYBURN and JOHN MC CORMACK:

"Eight hundred delegates from 38 states, representing the convention of the NAACP in session here this week, urge immediate action on consideration of Civil Rights legislation and that a special session of Congress be called for this purpose if necessary. Delegates assembled expect Civil Rights mandate of voters to be fulfilled."

The telegram was signed by ROY WILKINS, Acting Secretary of the NAACP.

The Los Angeles Times dated July 15, 1949 contained an article entitled "NAACP Hears UN Condemned on Rights Issue" which reflected that Dr. RAYFORD W. LOGAN, History Professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C., spoke before the 40th Annual Convention of the NAACP in Los Angeles on the ineffectiveness of the United Nations in preventing discrimination against colored people.

Mrs. LILLIE M. JACKSON, President of the Baltimore, Maryland Branch of the NAACP, made the following statement before the Convention: "If America practices democracy, we won't have any need for Communism. All we want is equal rights."

The Daily People's World dated July 18, 1949 on Page 1, Column 6 and 7, carried an article entitled "NAACP Meet" datelined July 17, 1949 at Los Angeles. The article was written by HELEN TAYLOR, staff writer. The article stated the following resolution was adopted by the Annual Convention of the NAACP at the final session on Saturday, July 16, 1949:

"President TRUMAN and the Congress must share responsibility for this betrayal. Both failed to pursue with vigor, persistency and strength a course of action which would have put into law the comprehensive civil liberties program which the President promised to the American people."

Also the article relates that a resolution was unanimously adopted by the convention delegates which read as follows: "We oppose whole heartedly the Mundt-Ferguson Bills and their counterparts in the states such as the Ober Bill in Maryland. We further pledge the full resources of the Association to aid and assist in every way in challenging the constitutionality of President TRUMAN's loyalty order in the courts and to continue giving assistance to individuals affected."

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[redacted] another resolution was adopted that [redacted] the absence of President [redacted] Washington to give leadership to his Party," in the vote on the Barkley Ruling which would have stopped filibustering. The delegates also requested Acting Secretary ROY WILKINS to appoint a committee of nine members to plan a national campaign for passage of civil liberties legislation. [redacted]tial

Another resolution read as follows: "It shall be the aim of the Civil Liberties Commission to produce the greatest out-pouring of Negroes and their allies in the labor movement among the church, civic, fraternal organizations and individuals from every walk of life to the end that both the President and the Congress shall feel the wrath and demand of the people for the speedy enactment of a comprehensive Civil Rights program."

The Los Angeles Examiner dated July 18, 1949 contained an article entitled "Dr. Bunche Receives Spingarn Medal Here" which reflected that Dr. RALPH BUNCHE, United Nations Mediator in Palestine, was awarded the 34th Spingarn medal from the NAACP at the closing rally of the NAACP Annual Convention held in the Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles, on July 17, 1949.

He spoke on the Negro aspiration for equality of Civil Rights. Madame V. L. PANDIT, Ambassador to the United States from India, made the presentation.

OFFICERS

The office of the Los Angeles Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hereinafter referred to as the NAACP is located at 4272 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone Adams 18192.

The Daily People's World dated January 13, 1949, Page 3, contained an article datelined January 12, 1949 entitled "NAACP Reelects Griffith" which reflected the following officers were elected for the Los Angeles Branch, NAACP, for 1949 at the annual election meeting held on January 9, 1949 at the Independent Church of Christ, 18th and Paloma, Los Angeles.

President:	THOMAS GRIFFITH, JR., attorney.
Vice-president:	Dr. H. CLAUDE HUDSON, Dentist.
Secretary:	ZELLA TAYLOR
Treasurer:	LORENZO BOUDOIN
Executive Board:	AUGUSTUS HAWKINS, Assemblyman; Mrs. CHARLOTTA BASS, Publisher of the California Eagle; LEON WASHINGTON, Editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel; Dr. E. I. ROBINSON, Dr. M. C. COOLEY, Reverend FREDERICK JORDAN, Reverend P. D. LEHMAN, L. G. ROBINSON, JOHN HALL, Reverend M.S. MITCHELL; C. E. MC KINNEY, LOREN MILLER, attorney;

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Presidents: [redacted]--- [redacted]LLEN, LEON [redacted]TEWARD, ALLAN WOOD, EMMA SPENCER, Reverend CLAYTON RUSSELL; Reverend J. L. CASTON, E. A. HOWARD, WILL ROGERS, JR.

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The California Eagle dated June 2, 1949 contained an article entitled "NAACP Drive Concentrated for Full Success in June" which reflected it is felt that due to the importance of Los Angeles on the Pacific Coast, the Los Angeles Branch of the NAACP should have a membership of 15,000 and that a recruiting campaign is in progress to obtain that figure.

PROGRAM AND AIMS

The California Eagle dated April 28, 1949 contained an article entitled "NAACP 40th Annual Conference Membership Campaign Kick-off for 15,000 Members in One Month." This article reflects that the local membership campaign this year of the Los Angeles Branch, NAACP, will emphasize the organizing of the membership and the community for a concentrated drive for Civil Rights, anti-lynching bill and a national FEPC.

The California Eagle dated May 12, 1949 contained an article entitled "Rufus Smith Speaks at NAACP Meeting at Independent Sunday." The article reflected a meeting of the Los Angeles Branch of the NAACP was to be held on May 15, 1949 at the People's Independent Church of Christ, 18th and Paloma, Los Angeles, to further action in winning a FEPC for California and to support President TRUMAN's Fair Deal Policy. RUFUS W. SMITH, Organizational Representative of the National NAACP was to be the speaker.

The Daily People's World dated August 11, 1949 on Page 3, contained an article entitled "Council Lauded on FEPC; NAACP Youth Push Bill" datelined August 10, 1949 at Los Angeles which reflected that Dr. MAHLIN C. COOLEY, Executive Board member of the NAACP called for a Los Angeles City Fair Employment Practices ordinance. He stated "a fair employment ordinance which will legally abolish job discrimination is a necessity for all people. I want to see action on this measure."

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[redacted] that in the recent election of officers for the [redacted] of the NAACP held on January 9, 1949 [redacted] (b)(2) (b)(7)(D)

[redacted] of known reliability advised that PHILLIP (SLIM) [redacted] Chairman of the Los [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he does not believe [redacted] is now a member of the Communist Party and does not favor [redacted] Communists.

[redacted] stated the NAACP maintains a policy of anti-Communism.

The Daily People's World dated February 14, 1949 contained an article datelined February 13, 1949 at Los Angeles entitled "Lead the Fight, Communists Urge NAACP," which named the following persons as being excluded from nomination for office in the recent election of officers of the Los Angeles Branch of the NAACP on January 9, 1949 for being Communists and progressives.

1. ADELE YOUNG, Manager of the Hugh Gordon Book Shop.
2. FRANCES [redacted]LIAMS, recent IPP candidate.
3. JAMES T. [redacted]ALLEN, Vice-president of AFL Carpenters Local 6[redacted].

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[redacted] advised on August 16, 1949 that there were several Communists attending the recent annual convention of the NAACP held in Los Angeles, July 12 to 17, 1949, but their capacity was that of visitors. They were not heard on the floor of the convention and were not in a position to exert any influence. (b)(2) (b)(7)(D)

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[redacted] further advised there were a small number of Trotskyites present. [redacted] also stated that the Communists branded the present electoral system of the NAACP as undemocratic and said their only purpose in wanting to change the procedure was to enable them to "railroad" some of their own members in. [redacted] said that under the present system, the leaders of the NAACP will be able to keep the undesirable element out indefinitely. (b)(2) (b)(7)(D)

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE [redacted]

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] is a member of the Socialist Workers Party. (b)(7)(C)

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On January 28, 1949 [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] in accordance with Bureau letter of authorization dated December 3, 1949. He advised he resided at [redacted] (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(C)

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On August 16, 1949, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was a member of the [redacted]

There was no mention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contained in the account of Governor H.STIE's speech on July 14, 1949 before the Annual Convention of the NAACP carried by the Daily People's World dated July 15, 1949.

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Copies of this report were furnished to the Indianapolis and San Francisco Offices for their information as [redacted] (b)(7)(C) Richmond, California, and [redacted] of Gary, Indiana, delegates to the NAACP Annual Convention held in July, 1949 in Los Angeles, California, were reported to have visited the offices of the Socialist Workers Party at 124 West 6th Street, while in Los Angeles attending the convention.

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Will continue to follow the activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in this area and determine the extent of Communist and Socialist Workers Party infiltration.

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furnished information to SA [redacted] as indicated below:

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[redacted]	National Convention of [redacted]	July [redacted] to 17, 19[redacted]
[redacted]	Election of officials, Los Angeles Branch, NAACP	January [redacted], 19[redacted]

Information supplied by [redacted] relative to the Daily Peoples World was furnished to SA [redacted] on July 15, 1949.

Information supplied by [redacted] in April, 1949 relative to NAACP and the Communist Party was furnished to SA [redacted] on April 21, 1949.

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All other information furnished by [redacted] was supplied to SA [redacted] on August 10, 1949. (b)(7)(C)

Information supplied by [redacted] was furnished to SE [redacted] on January 4, 1949. (b)(2),(b)(7)(D)

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Information furnished on August 25, 1949 by [redacted] concerning the NAACP was supplied to SA [redacted] (b)(2),(b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(C)

SA [redacted] was present during open hearing held before Judge Poirson M. Hall on June 9, 10 and 14, 1949 in U.S. District Court, Southern Division, Los Angeles, California, when DOROTHY HEALEY, Acting Chairman of the LACCP was ordered to appear before the Federal Grand Jury and answer questions pertaining to the membership records of the LACCP. At this hearing, HEALEY testified that PHILLIP (SLIM) CONNELLY was her husband. (b)(7)(C)

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Information supplied on May 13, 1949 by [redacted] (b)(2), (b)(7)(C)
concerning [redacted] was furnished to SA [redacted]

[redacted] (b)(1)

Information supplied on May 27, 1949 by [redacted] (b)(2), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(C)
concerning [redacted] was furnished to SA [redacted]

[redacted] (b)(1)

Information furnished on August 25, 1949 by [redacted] (b)(2), (b)(7)(C)
concerning [redacted] was supplied to SA [redacted]

SA [redacted] attended an open meeting of the Socialist Workers Party at 8:00 p.m. on August 21, 1949 at the North Hall, Embassy Auditorium, 9th and Grand, Los Angeles. [redacted] was introduced by [redacted] as a member of the SWP who was discharged from the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Newark, New Jersey, for his membership in the SWP.

Information supplied by [redacted] was furnished to (b)(2), (b)(7)(D)
SA [redacted] on [redacted] (b)(7)(E)

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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 3, 1949, captioned, "William H. Hastie," concerning the speech of Governor Hastie before the NAACP convention in Los Angeles on July 13, 1949.

For your information and guidance in connection with subsequent contacts with Governor Hastie, attached are two photostatic copies of Governor Hastie's address. It should be noted that Governor Hastie in his address at no time mentioned the FBI.

Enclosure

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